

## *Recovery*

What a difference a year makes, this December 5<sup>th</sup> I was out playing golf in shirtsleeves, and last year running chainsaw all day to open up neighbor's driveways. Most of you have many memories of the amazing 2007 storm that rocked Surf Pines, leaving us without power for a week. That single event affected us all during the year. I know the Board of Directors was well entertained by many issues because of that event.

My best memories of that time were the Surf Pines Association members helping each other. Neighbors checking on each other, groups coming together to remove downed trees from driveways, the concern to get the roads safe again using a special assessment for funding, and even refrigerator salvage-pot luck dinners at the lucky homes with generators.

The December, 2007, storm cleanup effort in Surf Pines was so large it was divided into three phases that stretched out for all of 2008 and beyond. I'm happy to report that the conclusion is nearing (some would say just in time for the next big storm). In November a local landscaping contractor planted over 90 trees and shrubs along Surf Pines Lane right-of-way and the community owned property adjacent Manion Drive. The final portion of "Phase 3" is to complete removal and pruning the damaged trees in the park and then replant in the openings. This work began on December 9th, 2008, and probably will be finished before February, 2009. When all this work is completed, there will be approximately \$10,835 remaining of the \$98,250 storm recovery account. The Road and Grounds Committee requested and the Board approved this amount be held in reserve to determine if additional storm expenses are required during the winter and spring storm season.

I'd like to offer a special thanks to all the volunteers who contribute so much of their time to Surf Pines, for jobs both small and large during the year. I'd also like to invite everyone to take advantage of the social events at Surf Pines, what a great place to make some new friends. Don't wait for another big storm to see what nice folks live in Surf Pines.

Surf Pines 2007 Storm Recovery

November 11, 2008

Financial status

Funds as of Oct. 1, 2008	\$ 29,050
Phase 3 approved expenditures	
Lewis/Clark Nursery contract for planting, etc.	5,615
Clean Sweep contract for pavement repair from Phase 2	1,200
Trails End final payment for Phase 2	1,300
Volunteer and John Gates removal of brush prior to planting on Surf Pines Lane, approximately 10 trips at \$10 each	100
Estimated funds available as of Nov. 11, 2008	\$ 20,835
Phase 3 proposed expenditures to be requested at Nov. 17, 2008, Board meeting	
Storm damage tree pruning and removal at Surf Pines Park, contract with Arbor Care Tree Specialist per bid	9,000
Replacement of trees at park following Arborist work. Volunteers to plant, purchases from Rainbow Nursery and other local sources, per Arborist recommendation.	1,000
Estimated funds remaining at completion of Phase 3, to be held in reserve for use in additional 2007 or 2008/09 storm damage from 2008.	\$ 10,835